

Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

Midwest Leasing of Illinois,)	No. 23 B 04510
)	Chicago, Illinois
)	10:00 a.m.
Debtor.)	June 14, 2023

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE
HONORABLE JANET S. BAER

APPEARANCES:

Chapter 7 Trustee:	Ms. Deborah Ebner;
For the Debtor:	Mr. Lester Ottenheimer;
For Presence Central & Suburban Hospitals Network:	Mr. Sven Nylén;

Court Reporter:	Amy Doolin, CSR, RPR U.S. Courthouse 219 South Dearborn Room 661 Chicago, IL 60604.
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1 THE CLERK: Midwest Leasing of
2 Illinois, LLC.

3 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Good morning, Your
4 Honor. Les Ottenheimer on behalf of the debtor.

5 MR. NYLEN: Good morning, Your Honor.
6 Sven Nylen on behalf of Presence Central & Suburban
7 Hospitals Network.

8 MS. EBNER: Good morning, Judge.
9 Debbie Ebner, trustee.

10 THE COURT: Good morning. I have
11 before me a motion to dismiss the debtor filed by
12 Presence Central & Suburban Hospitals, which appears
13 to be the only creditor of merit in this case. And I
14 did see a notice of objection was filed by the
15 debtor. I'm going to just turn to Ms. Ebner first.

16 Ms. Ebner, what's your position on
17 this matter?

18 MS. EBNER: Strangely, I support the
19 motion to dismiss. I don't see a basis for this
20 bankruptcy filing. It's really a -- after doing some
21 digging, it really is a one-creditor case. I had
22 extensive discussions with the creditor, Presence,
23 about using the bankruptcy forum to administer the
24 estate. But, in essence, by continuing the
25 bankruptcy, the only thing that would be accomplished

1 is to create an administrative creditor, i.e., me,
2 and my attorney, in front of the -- with priority
3 over the creditor who is seeking to dismiss the case.
4 So it really is kind of pointless.

5 THE COURT: I appreciate that, Ms.
6 Ebner. I actually asked you that because I thought
7 that might be what you said because that was my
8 conclusion, too.

9 Mr. Ottenheimer, I don't see what your
10 response could be.

11 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Well, when I read
12 the motion, the motion seemed to indicate that the
13 case should be dismissed because there's no assets
14 for creditors and because they want to pursue a
15 co-debtor. And I'm -- Your Honor knows there's been
16 many, many cases that are filed that are no assets.
17 And there's nothing that precludes a creditor from
18 going after the co-debtor.

19 THE COURT: You know, I don't really
20 care at this point about the co-debtor. I mean, the
21 fact of the matter is that I've got a case that the
22 one creditor who is really concerned here doesn't
23 believe that it needs a bankruptcy estate to
24 administer the assets to make sure they don't go
25 south of whatever it happens to be, so I just don't

1 see why we need a bankruptcy case.

2 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Judge, I'd like to
3 talk to my client and maybe not oppose the motion if
4 I could get a little bit of time to do that.

5 THE COURT: All right. I'll set a
6 response date for you. How much time do you want?

7 MR. OTTENHEIMER: I need 28 days, Your
8 Honor. I've got two trials coming up in the next
9 three weeks.

10 THE COURT: Okay. So that will take
11 you to July 12.

12 Ms. Ebner, I'll give you the
13 opportunity or -- I'm sorry, Mr. Nylen really is the
14 one I would expect -- I'll give you an opportunity to
15 file a reply if you need to. You kind of know my
16 position on this issue. And I will be interested to
17 see if Mr. Ottenheimer comes up with something we
18 don't know about that would convince me otherwise.

19 So I'll give you the time to file the
20 reply, but I'm not requiring you to do so. But I
21 will set 14 days to file a reply, which will take us
22 to the 26th of July. And I'll put this on for status
23 and ruling -- assuming Mr. Ottenheimer is still going
24 to pursue this matter and oppose the motion, I'll put
25 it on for August 2nd at 10:00 o'clock.

1 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Thank you, Your
2 Honor.

3 MS. EBNER: Your Honor, if I may? If
4 Mr. Ottenheimer ultimately agrees that this case
5 should be dismissed, if he could notify everyone and
6 Your Honor also so we could avoid another use of
7 judicial time.

8 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Absolutely. That
9 makes perfect sense.

10 THE COURT: Yeah, I would greatly
11 appreciate that, especially if I don't have to read
12 briefs I don't otherwise have to read.

13 MR. OTTENHEIMER: Correctest.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

15 (Which were all the proceedings had in
16 the above-entitled cause, June 14,
17 2023, 10:00 a.m.)

18 I, AMY B. DOOLIN, CSR, RPR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY
19 THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE
20 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS HAD IN THE ABOVE-
21 ENTITLED CAUSE. /S/
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